

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 – 16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines an unsettled transaction of prepayment of a total amount, namely, a deferred pickup transaction on a principle of occurrence in which sales are summed up upon occurrence of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon occurrence of the transaction, a prepayment of the total amount is necessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a postdelivery with respect to said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of occurrence; and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip number, an input of a delivery date of goods, a registration of goods, a registration of an amount of payment, a confirmation of a payment of a total amount, an error display in case of nonpayment, an issue of a customer copy with said slip number, and a sum-up of sales amounts; and sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, a display of incomplete transaction information by an input of the slip number, a registration of a delivery, and a termination of the incomplete transaction.

18. (Previously Presented) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines an unsettled transaction of prepayment of a total amount, namely, a deferred pickup transaction on a principle of completion in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon completion of the transaction, the prepayment of a total amount is necessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a postdelivery with respect to said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of completion; and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip number, an input of a delivery date of goods, a registration of goods, a registration of an amount of payment, a confirmation of a payment of a total amount, an error display in case of nonpayment, and an issue of a customer copy with said slip number; and sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, a display of incomplete transaction information by an input of the slip number, a registration of a delivery, a sum-up of sales amounts, and a termination of the incomplete transaction.

19. (Previously Presented) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence in which sales are summed up upon occurrence of the transaction; and wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon occurrence of the transaction, a prepayment is unnecessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a predelivery with respect to said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence; and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip number, an input of a delivery date of goods, a registration of goods, a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, an issue of a customer copy with said slip number, a sum-up of sales amounts, and a registration of a delivery; and sequentially executes, as processes upon payment, a display of incomplete transaction information by the input of said slip number, a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, a termination of the incomplete transaction.

20. (Previously Presented) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on a principle of completion in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing is set to a timing upon completion of the transaction, a prepayment is unnecessary, and a delivery of goods is set to a predelivery with respect to said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion; and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of an incomplete transaction slip number, an input of a delivery date of goods, a registration of goods, a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, an issue of a customer copy with said slip number, and a registration of a delivery; and sequentially executes, as processes upon payment, a display of incomplete transaction information by the input of said slip number, a registration of an amount of payment, a sum-up of sales amounts in case of a zero balance, and a termination of the incomplete transaction.

Claims 21-33. (Cancelled)